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SUBJECT: LIAISON WITH JAMAICAN CUSTOMS

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1. THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP COORDINATION BETWEEN JAMAICAN CUSTOMS AND U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN THE MIAMI CUSTOMS REGION. BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING VOLUME OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN SOUTH FLORIDA AND JAMAICA, U.S. CUSTOMS BELIEVES THAT MUCH WOULD BE GAINED BY A DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS. IN THIS REGARD U.S. CUSTOMS IS PREPARED TO SEND THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, U.S. CUSTOMS, MIAMI, MR. ALBERT BAZEMORE; THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS, MR. PAUL SAMADUROFF AND THE REGIONAL COUNSEL, MR. DENNIS SNYDER, TO JAMAICA TO MEET WITH COUNTERPART JAMAICAN OFFICIALS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE OFFICERS ARRIVE ON MARCH 31, 1975, AND THE MEETINGS OCCUR ON APRIL 1 AND 2, 1975.

2. OTHER DATES COULD BE ARRANGED. THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER WILL CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY, KINGSTON, DIRECTLY TO CONFIRM AND FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS AND DATES.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION BY JAMAICAN OFFICIALS, THE U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS

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PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES OF

PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN JAMAICA FROM PART U.S. MATERIALS AND PART MATERIALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES; ALSO MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAMAICA OF WEAPONS AND CURRENCY, AND PROBLEMS RELATED TO U.S. CUSTOMS INTERDICTION OF SMUGGLED ITEMS, INCLUDING MARIJUANA AND NARCOTIC DRUGS. THE MINISTER OF SECURITY AND JUSTICE, MR. ELI MATALON, IS KNOWN TO BE PERSONNALLY INTERESTED IN THESE LATTER MATTERS AND DISCUSSIONS WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE WITH HIM.

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